

pot targeted fisheries is 17 percent. The final 2004 DMRs are listed in Table 7. The justification for these DMRs is discussed in Appendix B of the final SAFE report dated November 2003.

TABLE 7.—FINAL 2004 HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES (DMR) FOR VESSELS FISHING IN THE GULF OF ALASKA.

[Listed values are percent of halibut bycatch assumed to be dead]

Gear and target	Mortality Rate
Hook-and-line:	
Other species	13
Pacific cod	13
Rockfish	8
Trawl:	
Arrowtooth flounder	69
Atka mackerel	60
Deep-water flatfish	57
Flathead sole	62
Nonpelagic pollock	59
Other species	61
Pacific cod	61
Pelagic pollock	75
Rex sole	62
Rockfish	67
Sablefish	62
Shallow-water flatfish	68
Pot:	
Other species	17

TABLE 7.—FINAL 2004 HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES (DMR) FOR VESSELS FISHING IN THE GULF OF ALASKA.—Continued

[Listed values are percent of halibut bycatch assumed to be dead]

Gear and target	Mortality Rate
Pacific cod	17

Non-Exempt American Fisheries Act (AFA) Catcher Vessel Groundfish Harvest and PSC Sideboard Limitations

Regulations at § 679.64 established groundfish harvesting and processing sideboard limitations on AFA catcher/processors and catcher vessels in the GOA. These sideboard limitations are necessary to protect the interests of fishermen and processors who have not directly benefitted from the AFA from fishermen and processors who have received exclusive harvesting and processing privileges under the AFA. Under the AFA regulations at fnl;§ 679.4 (l)(2)(i), listed AFA catcher/processors are prohibited from fishing for any species of fish in the GOA (see § 679.7(k)(1)(ii)) and from processing any pollock in the GOA and groundfish

harvested in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA (see § 679.7(k)(1)(iv)). The Council recommended, and NMFS concurs, that certain AFA catcher vessels in the GOA be exempt from groundfish sideboard limitations. The AFA regulations exempt AFA catcher vessels in the GOA less than 125 ft (38.1 m) LOA whose annual Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock landings totaled less than 5,100 mt and that made 30 or more GOA groundfish landings from 1995 through 1997 (see § 679.64(b)(2)(i)(A)).

For non-exempt AFA catcher vessels in the GOA, sideboard limitations are based upon their traditional harvest levels of TAC in groundfish fisheries covered by the GOA FMP. The AFA regulations base the groundfish sideboard limitations in the GOA on the retained catch of non-exempt AFA catcher vessels of each sideboard species from 1995 through 1997 divided by the TAC for that species over the same period (see § 679.64(b)(3)(iii)). These amounts are listed in Table 8. All catch of sideboard species made by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels, whether as targeted catch or incidental catch, will be deducted from the sideboard limitations in Table 8.